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To ALL PERSONS whom these Presents shall come GREETING

Whereas a number of Persons have for Several Years past, Associated in the Town of Boston under the Name of the Massachusetts Charitable Society, for the purpose of mutually aiding & Assisting each other, their Families, Widows and Orphans, who may be reduced by Casualties & Accidents in Life to which they are exposed; And have for this purpose raised a Considerable Common Stock, Out of which they have from time to time Contributed to the aforesaid purposes; And the said Persons, Associated as aforesaid, finding themselves under Difficulties & discouragements in executing their said Designs, without an Incorporation, Have by their Committee, Petitioned the Great & General Court of this State aforesaid at their Sessions, to be Incorporated for the aforesaid purposes; And their Intentions appearing to said Court, laudable and deserving Encouragement, An Act was passed by said Court intitled "An Act for Incorporating certain Persons therein mentioned into a Body Politick, by the Name of the Massachusett Charitable Society" wherein it was Enacted, that William Burbeck, Richard Cranch, Habijah Savage, Samuel Barrett, William Hoskins, John Simpkins, William Bell, Benjamin Edes, William Hickling, Ephraim Copeland & others, the Members of said Society, Be Incorporated & made a Body Politick, for the aforesaid purposes by the Name of the Massachusett Charitable Society. And that they their Associates & Successors have Perpetual Succession by said Name, & have Power to make By-Laws for the Preservation & Advancement of said Body, not Repugnant to the Laws of this State, with Penalties either of Disfranchisement from said Society, or of a Mulct not exceeding Sixty Shillings, or without Penalties, as it should seem most meet. And have Licence to make & Appoint a Common Seal, & Liberty to Said Corporate to Sue, & make Purchases, & receive Donations of Real & Personal Estates, for the purposes aforesaid; Provided the same shall not exceed the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Per Annum; And to Manage & Dispose of such Estates as to them should appear most fit. And Whereas it was further Enacted by the aforesaid Great & General Court, That the said Society be invested with full Power & Authority to Assemble on the First Monday of September next, for the purpose of Appointing a President, Secretary, Treasurer, together with such other Officers as to them should seem most Suitable; & to Appoint their Common Seal, & to make By-Laws within the Restrictions aforesaid; & said Officers so appointed, should continue until the first Monday of September next, On which day the said Massachusett Charitable Society should meet, And Annually afterwards, on said First Monday of September at Boston convene to choose a President, Secretary, Treasurer, & such other Officers, as they should think proper; & to make, alter or Annull their By-Laws, & by reason of any Emergency the Business of this Annual Assembly could not be completed on said day, They might adjourn once to a short day to finish it, and no more; & that said Society might Assemble on the First Monday of every Month for all other Business. And when any of the Officers should Die, or be disabled, or remove out of this State, others should be Appointed or Elected in their Room at the next Meeting. And all Instruments which said Society should lawfully make, should when in the Name of said Society & Pursuant to the Rules thereof, being Signed & Delivered by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other Officers or Persons as the said Society shall Appoint, & Sealed with their Common Seal, Bind said Society, & be Valid in Law. And it was further Enacted, that the Members of the said Society should, at no time, exceed the Number of One hundred; & the Council of this State was thereby Authorized to give a Charter of Incorporation under the Seal of the State, to the aforenamed Persons, & their Associates, according to

In Pursuance whereof the aforesaid Act

do hereby Create, Incorporate & Erect the said William Burbeck, Richard Cranch, Habijah Savage, Samuel Barrett, William Hoskins, John Simpkins, William Bell, Benjamin Edes, William Hickling, Ephraim Copeland & others into a Body Politick, for the aforesaid purposes by the Name of the Massachusett Charitable Society at Boston in New England. And do by these Presents Give & Grant to them their Associates & Successors Perpetual Succession by the Name of the Massachusett Charitable Society & Power of making By-laws for the Preservation & Advancement of said Body not Repugnant to the Laws of this State with Penalties, either of Disfranchisement from said Society, or of a Mulct not exceeding Sixty Shillings or without Penalties as it shall seem most meet & Licence to make & Appoint their Common Seal, & the said Society shall be liable to Sue & Enabled to Sue, & make Purchases & take Donations of Real & Personal Estates, for the purposes aforesaid not exceeding the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Per Annum & to Manage & dispose of said Estate as shall seem most fit. And said Society shall have a President, Secretary, Treasurer & such other Officers as they shall think proper & shall Assemble on the First Monday in September next to Appoint their President, Secretary, Treasurer & such other Officers as they shall think proper & to Appoint their Common Seal, & to make By-Laws & said Officers so Appointed shall continue until the first Monday of September following on which day said Massachusett Charitable Society shall meet & Annually afterwards, on said First Monday in September at Boston convene to choose a President, Secretary, Treasurer & such other Officers as they shall think proper & to make Alter or Annull their By-Laws & if by reason of any Emergency, the Business of this Annual Assembly cannot be completed on said day they may adjourn once to a short day to finish it, & no more. And said Society may Assemble on the First Monday of every Month for all other Business. And when any of the Officers of said Society shall die or be disabled, or remove out of this State, the Members of Society are hereby Authorized & Impowered at their next Meeting to Elect & Appoint others in the Room of the Officers so removed. And all Instruments which said Society shall lawfully make, shall, when in the Name of said Society, & pursuant to the Rules thereof being Signed & delivered by the President, Secretary, Treasurer or other Officers or Persons as the said Society shall Appoint & Sealed with their Common Seal, bind said Society & be Valid in Law.

Given under Our Hands & the Seal of said State at the Council Chamber in Boston this Fifteenth day of March Anno Domini 1780 Ann. in the Fourth Year of the Independency of the United States of America.

By Command of the Major Part of the Council

John Avery Dy Sy

T Dwight
N Cushing
Jno Avery Jr
A Fuller
Saml Nobles
Joseph Simpson
Jno Pitts
Jedh Goodman
Edward Cutts

Jer. Powell
W. Sever
Artemas Ward
Thomas Cushing
Sam. Adams

H Gardner

CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

Massachusetts Charitable Society

OF BOSTON

FOUNDED SEPT. 6, 1762

INCORPORATED MARCH 15, 1780

ALSO

Names of the past and present Members of the Society,

Facsimiles of ancient Records and Notices,

AND A

Statement relating to the Finances of the Society

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LIST OF OFFICERS

1907-1908

PRESIDENT

WILLIAM H. CANTERBURY

VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN A. HUNNEMAN

SECRETARY

FRED'K A. WELLINGTON

TREASURER

G. GLOVER CROCKER, JR.

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GEORGE G. CROCKER

CARLETON HUNNEMAN

26978

Massachusetts Charitable Society.

ORIGINAL BY-LAWS AS ADOPTED IN 1762.

Preamble

Knowing it to be our duty as Christians to be ready to distribute; sensible that such is the uncertainty of human affairs that it is no uncommon sight to observe those persons who once lived comfortably greatly reduced, which may as well happen to us as to them, — for this reason, we have formed ourselves into a Society for the relief and assistance of each other under like circumstances.

In the first place, we desire the smiles of Heaven on this our undertaking; hoping our whole conduct in life will recommend us to the favor of mankind, and to the blessings of indulgent Providence. That we may proceed orderly, we have agreed to the following Rules; a strict adherence to which we promise each other: —

Rule I. Meetings.

This Society shall meet quarterly, on the first Monday in September, December, March and June, at six o'clock in the evening; and before any other business is entered upon, a Moderator shall be chosen, whose peculiar business shall be to preserve order.

Rule II. Clerks, Choice of and Duties.

At the meeting in September, the Society shall choose their Clerk, whose business shall be to warn the meetings, to keep a fair record of all the notes and orders of the Society, and an account of what money is collected at the several meetings, at the admission of members, &c.

Rule III. Treasurer, Choice of and Duties.

At the meeting in September, a Treasurer shall be chosen to receive the money collected at the meetings, at the admission of members, or any money which shall be given for the use of the Society. And the said Treasurer shall procure two sufficient bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust. And so often as the money in his hands shall amount to thirteen pounds, six shillings, and eight pence, he shall place the same at interest to some substantial person of good repute, but not without two sufficient bondsmen, taking the bond in his own name, for the use of the Society.

Rule IV. Managers.

At the aforesaid meeting in September, seven Managers shall be chosen to transact affairs between the quarterly meetings; and, provided any member shall become a proper object of charity, shall apply to the Managers in writing, setting forth the nature of his case, who shall give him an order upon the Treasurer for so much money as they shall judge sufficient for his present necessity, not exceeding eight dollars, till the next quarterly meeting; and then the Society shall give him what a majority of the Society shall agree to.

Alms, disbursing of.

As to the admission of members, no person shall be admitted a member of this Society, unless he obtains more than two-thirds of the votes; and each member, at the time of his entry, shall pay fourteen shillings for the use of the Society. And during his continuance with this Society, shall pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence. And, should it appear that any member shall wilfully neglect to bring or send his quarterly money, he shall forfeit and pay one shilling and sixpence for the use of the Society, besides his quarterly money.

Rule V. Members, Admission and Dues.

That no member of this Society shall be entitled to any relief until he has belonged to this Society for the space of one year.

Rule VI. Relief of Members.

If any member of this Society shall be guilty of profaneness, intemperance, or any other notorious crimes at the quarterly meetings, he shall forfeit and pay one shilling and eight pence for the use of the Society; and provided he repeat the above-mentioned crimes, he shall be discharged from the Society, and be excluded from any relief, unless he be reclaimed; and in such case he may be admitted into the Society again.

Rule VII. Offence, Fines, Forfeits, etc.

That the widows and orphans of any members of this Society, who are left under necessitous circumstances, shall be entitled to relief from this Society.

Rule VIII. Relief for Widows and Orphans.

Rule IX. Malfeasance in Office, fines for.

That in case any member duly chosen for Clerk of this Society, shall refuse to serve, shall forfeit and pay six shillings for the use of the Society. And provided any Clerk of this Society shall neglect to warn the meetings the Saturday before the quarterly meeting, or keep a fair account of what money is collected, or be guilty of any other wilful negligence or unfaithfulness in his office, shall forfeit and pay four dollars for the use of the Society.

May this Society continue as long as Charity shall be a Virtue !

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Records

of the

Massachu: Society

Founded in

Boston New-England

Sept. 6. An 1762.

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September 3d 1770.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Society at the MASONS Arms.

Present.

Samuel Barrett Moderater.
Thomas Brown Clerk.
Benjamin Edes
John Tilestone
Jonathan Snelling
Ephraim Copeland
John Lowell
} Managers.
Barnabas Webb Treasurer.

John Perkins Junr.
John Adams Junr.
Stephen Cleverly
Jonathan Stodder
William Bell
John Simpkins
Moses Belcher Bass
William Hickling Junr.
John Tolts
James Sumner
Habijah Savage
Benjamin Sumner Junr.
Joseph Edwards Junr.
John Cookson
Asa Stodder
Nathaniel Richborn
John Symmes
Samuel Cox
William Brock
Stephen Bruce.

Annual Meeting

This being the Annual Meeting the following Officers were chosen for the ensuing Year Viz.

John Perkins Junr. Clerk.
Barnabas Webb Treasurer
Samuel Barrett
Benjamin Edes
John Tilestone
Jonathan Snelling
Thomas Brown
Ephraim Copeland
John Lowell.
} Managers.

Voted That Mr. Hugh Kennedy be honorably Dismissed from this Society, agreable to his request by Letter Dated 8th July last.

Voted That the Managers make particular Inquiry into the Causes of several Members neglecting to discharge their respective Engagements: and make Report thereof at the next Meeting.

Agreeable to what was Inserted on the last Notifications: the Society took into consideration the Expediency of making an Addition to the present Quarterly Money, in order to defray the Expences of the Societys Meetings, and after debating thereon, it was thought a more mature deliberation was requisite than the present time will admit of: Therefore,

Voted, That the further Consideration thereof be defer'd untill the next Meeting: ——

Mr. William Hickling jun^r proposed Mr. John Arnold: and Mr. John Simpkins proposed Mr. Robert Ruggles, to be Members of this Society: both which persons were Voted in Members. ——

Collected at this Meeting £5. 10. 2.

September 4th 1780

At a Meeting of the Massachusets Society at the Green Dragon

Present

Samuel Barrett Vice President
Habijah Savage Secretary
Ephraim Cobleland
John Tileston
John Lowell
Benjamin Edes
William Bell
Barnabas Webb Treasurer } Managers

John Adams
Elias Thomas
Joseph Edwards
Jonathan Stodder
John Symmes
Thomas Knox
John Kneeland
William Burbeck
Benjamin Coolidge
Thomas Russell
Nathaniel Noyes
Andrew Oliver
James Carter
John Procter
Samuel Ruggles
Luke Baker

Stephen Cleverly
Benjamin Sumner
Levi Jennings
Asa Stodder
John Pemont
Wentworth Gray
William Cordwell
John Coolidge
John Ball
Samuel Barrett Junr.
John Hinckley
Jedidiah Parker
Thomas Melchom
Joseph Hall
Joseph Bass
Caleb Symmes

This being the Annual Meeting the following Officers were Chosen for the Ensuing Year

Hon.d John Hancock Esqr. President
Habijah Savage Secretary & Seal Keeper
Samuel Barrett
Ephraim Cobleland
John Tileston
John Lowell
Benjamin Edes
William Bell
John Simpkins } Managers

Barnabas Webb Treasurer

78 Voted that John Lowell, Samuel Ruggles
Nathaniel Noyes, Benjamin Eden & James Carter
be a Committee to Revise the By Laws and Articles
also the By Laws &c

Voted that William Watkins, Nathaniel Noyes and
William Hickling be a Committee to wait on Doct. Jarvis
Mr. Samuel Barrett Junr. Inspector & Mr. Thomas
Chapman & Capt. Alexander Hodgdon to be Members
of this Society. Therefore

Voted that Mr. Thomas Chapman & Capt. Alexander
Hodgdon be Members of this Society

Collected this Evening ---£19-2-

Boston, Dec.r 11. 1778

SIR,

YOU are desired to attend the *MASSACHUSETTS*'s-Society, next Monday Evening, at Six o'Clock, at ~~the~~ *Green Dragon*

To Mr. *H. Savage Jr.* ~~Clerk.~~
John Tilestone

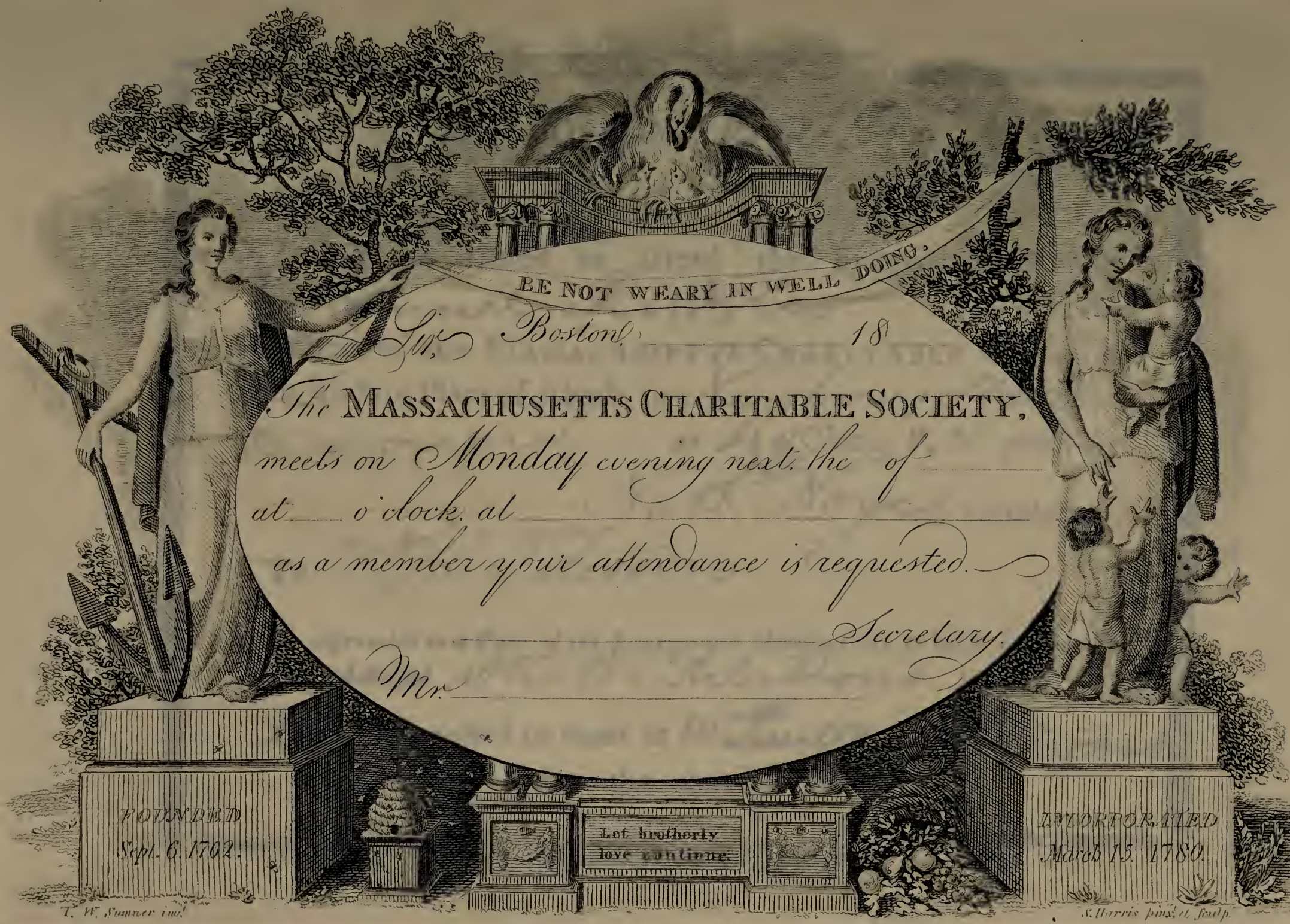
BOSTON, Dec.r 3d 1791

SIR,

THE *Massachusetts Charitable Society*, whereof you are a Member, is to meet on Monday next, the *Fifth* of *December* at Six o'Clock, at *The Bunch of Grapes* at which Time and Place you are desired to give punctual Attendance.

Nath.l Noyes Sec'ry.

To Mr. Jn.o Tilestone


BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.
Sir, Boston, 18
The MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE SOCIETY,
meets on Monday evening next, the of
at o'clock, at
as a member your attendance is requested.
Secretary.
Mr.
FOUNDED
Sept. 6. 1762.
Let brotherly
love continue.
INCORPORATED
March 15. 1780.
T. W. Sumner inv.
S. Harris pinxt. et sculp.

BOSTON, Oct. 10th 1797

SIR,

YOU are desired to attend the Funeral of Brother Samuel Ruggles a deceased Member of the MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE SOCIETY, from his late Place of Abode in Newbury Street to morrow at 4 o'Clock, P. M. precisely.

Nath.l Noyes Secretary.

To Mr.s Tilston

N. B. Agreeable to a Vote of the Society, the Members are to walk in Procession ~~[illegible]~~ *after the Relations*

You are requested to meet at Mr Swetts in Winter Street Half an Hour before the above Time.

MASS. CHARITABLE SOCY.
FOUND. 1762 INCORP. 1780.
BOSTON, 18
Sir,
You are desired to attend the funeral of
Brother _____ a deceased member
of the MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE SOCIETY, from
his late place of abode, in _____
_____ at _____ o'clock, precisely
Secret'y.
Mr. _____

N.B. Agreeable to a vote of the Society, the members are to walk in procession next to the Relations.

Act of Incorporation, 1779.

AN ACT for incorporating certain persons therein mentioned into a body politic by the name of the MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Whereas a considerable number of persons have for several years past associated themselves in the Town of Boston for the purpose of mutual aid to themselves and families, who may be distressed by poverty and the adverse accidents of life, and for the comforting and relieving of the widows and orphans of their deceased members; and have for that end raised a common stock, out of which they have, from time to time, contributed to the purposes aforesaid; and the said persons, so associated, finding themselves under difficulties and discouragements, which can only be removed by an incorporation, and having, by their committee, petitioned this court to be incorporated for the purposes aforesaid; and their intentions appearing to this court laudable and deserving encouragement:

Be it therefore enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and

by the authority of the same, That William Burbeck, Richard Cranch, Habijah Savage, Samuel Barrett, William Hoskins, John Simpkins, William Bell, Benjamin Edes, William Hickling and Ephraim Copeland, be, and they hereby are, incorporated and made a body politic for the aforesaid purposes, by the name of the MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE SOCIETY, and that they, their associates and successors, have perpetual succession by said name, and have power to make by-laws for the preservation and advancement of said body, which shall not be repugnant to the laws of this State, with penalties, either of disfranchisement from said Society, or of a mulct, not exceeding sixty shillings, or without penalties, as shall seem most meet.

And be it further enacted, That the said Massachusetts Charitable Society be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to make and appoint a common seal; and are hereby made liable to be sued and enabled to sue in their said corporate capacity, in any of courts of law in this State; and are hereby licensed and empowered to make purchases and receive donations of real and personal estates for the purposes aforesaid: provided the same shall not exceed the sum of five thousand pounds per annum, and to manage and dispose of such estates as to them shall appear most fit.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Society be, and they hereby are, invested with full power and authority to assemble on

the first Monday of September next, for the purpose of appointing a President, Secretary and Treasurer, together with such other officers as to them shall seem most suitable, and to appoint their common seal, and to make by-laws within the restrictions aforesaid; and said officers so appointed, shall continue until the first Monday of September next, on which day the said Massachusetts Charitable Society shall meet, and annually afterwards on said first Monday of September at Boston, convene, to choose a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as they shall think proper, and to make, alter or annul their by-laws: and if by reason of any emergency the business of this annual assembly cannot be completed on said day, they may adjourn once to a short day to finish it, and no more; and said Society may assemble on the first Monday of every month for all other business. And whenever any of the officers of said Society shall die, or be disabled, or remove out of this State, the members of said Society are hereby authorized and empowered at their next meeting to elect and appoint others in the room of the officers so removed. And all instruments which said Society shall lawfully make, shall, when in the name of said Society, and pursuant to the rules thereof, being signed and delivered by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other officer or person as the said Society shall appoint, and sealed with their common seal, bind said Society and be valid in law.

Provided always, and it is further enacted, That

the members of the said Society shall at no time exceed the number of one hundred. And the major part of the council of the State are hereby authorized and empowered to give a charter of incorporation, under the seal of the State, to the afore-mentioned persons and their associates accordingly.

[The foregoing Act passed Dec. 16, 1779.]

Charter.

State of Massachusetts Bay. — The major part of the Council of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Objects of Society.

Whereas a number of persons have, for several years past, associated themselves, in the Town of Boston, into a Society by the name of the MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE SOCIETY, for the purpose of mutually aiding and assisting each other, their families, widows and orphans, who may be reduced by the adverse accidents in life to which they are exposed; and have, for this purpose, raised a considerable common stock, out of which they have, from time to time, contributed to the aforesaid purposes: and the said persons, associated as aforesaid, finding themselves under difficulties and discouragements in executing their said

designs without an incorporation, have, by their committee, petitioned the great and General Court of the State aforesaid, at their last sessions, to be incorporated for the aforesaid purposes; and, their intentions appearing to said court laudable and deserving encouragement, an act was passed by said court, entitled "An Act for incorporating certain persons therein mentioned into a body politic by the name of the MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE SOCIETY," wherein it was enacted, that William Burbeck, Richard Cranch, Habijah Savage, Samuel Barrett, William Hoskins, John Simpkins, William Bell, Benjamin Edes, William Hickling, Ephraim Copeland, and others, the members of said Society, be incorporated and made a body politic, for the aforesaid purpose, by the name of the Massachusetts Charitable Society; and that they, their associates, and successors, have perpetual succession, by said name, and have power to make by-laws for the preservation and advancement of said body, not repugnant to the laws of this State, with penalties either of disfranchisement from said Society, or of a mulct, not exceeding sixty shillings, or without penalties, as it should seem most meet; and have license to make and appoint a common seal, and liable to be sued, and enabled to sue, and make, purchase, and receive donations of real and personal estate, for the purposes aforesaid, *provided* the same shall not exceed the sum of five thousand pounds per annum; and to manage and dispose of such estates as to them shall appear most fit.

Act of Incorporation.

Organization.

And whereas it was further enacted, by the aforesaid great and General Court, that the said Society be invested with full power and authority to assemble on the first Monday of September next, for the purpose of appointing a President, Secretary and Treasurer, together with such other officers as to them should seem most suitable; and to appoint their common seal, and to make by-laws within the restrictions aforesaid, — and said officers, so appointed, should continue until the first Monday of September next, on which day the said Massachusetts Charitable Society should meet, and annually afterwards on said first Monday of September, at Boston, convene to choose a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as they should think proper, and to make, alter, or annul their by-laws, and if by reason of any emergency the business of this annual assembly could not be completed on said day, they might adjourn once to a short day to finish it, and no more; and that said Society might assemble on the first Monday of every month for all other business. And when any of the officers should die, or be disabled, or remove out of this State, others should be appointed or elected in their room, at the next meeting. And all instruments which said Society should lawfully make, should, when in the name of said Society, and pursuant to the rules thereof, being signed and delivered by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other officers or persons, as the said Society shall appoint, and sealed with their common seal, bind said Society,

Annual Meetings, Officers and By-laws.

Officers, Elections to fill Vacancies.

and be valid in law. And it was further enacted, that the members of the said Society should, at no time, exceed the number of one hundred; and the Council of this State was thereby authorized to give a Charter of Incorporation, under the seal of said State, to the afore-named persons, and their associates, accordingly.

Membership, Limit of.

In pursuance therefore of the aforesaid act, WE do hereby create, incorporate, and erect the said William Burbeck, Richard Cranch, Habijah Savage, Samuel Barrett, William Hoskins, John Simpkins, William Bell, Benjamin Edes, William Hickling, Ephraim Copeland, and others, into a body politic, for the aforesaid purposes, by the name of the MASSACHUSETTS CHARITABLE SOCIETY, at Boston, in New England; and do, by these presents, give and grant to them, their associates and successors, perpetual succession, by the name of the Massachusetts Charitable Society, and a power of making by-laws for the preservation and advancement of said body, not repugnant to the laws of this State, with penalties, either of disfranchisement from said Society, or of a mulct, not exceeding sixty shillings, or without penalties, as it shall seem most meet, and license to make and appoint their common seal. And the said Society shall be liable to be sued, and enable to sue, and make purchases, and take donations of real and personal estates, for the purposes aforesaid, not exceeding the sum of five thousand pounds per annum, and to manage and dispose of said estates as shall seem most fit.

Incorporators.

Name and Powers of Society.

Liability.

Officers. And said Society shall have a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as they shall think

Meetings. proper; and shall assemble, on the first Monday in September next, to appoint their President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as they shall think proper, and to appoint their common seal, and to make by-laws; and said officers so appointed shall continue until the first Monday of September following, on which day said Massachusetts Charitable Society shall meet, and annually afterwards, on said first Monday in September, at Boston, convene to choose a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as they shall think proper, and to make,

By-Laws. alter, or annul their by-laws; and if, by reason of any emergency, the business of this annual assembly can-

Adjournment to short day. not be completed on said day, they may adjourn once to a short day to finish it, and no more; and said Society may assemble on the first Monday of every month for all other business, — and when any of the

Officers, Elections, to fill vacancies. officers of said Society shall die, or shall be disabled, or remove out of this State, the members of said Society are hereby authorized and empowered, at their next meeting, to elect and appoint others in the room of the officers so removed; and all instruments, which said Society shall lawfully make, shall, when in the name of said Society, and pursuant to rules thereof, being signed and delivered by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, or other officers or persons, as the

Validity of Instrument. said Society shall appoint, and sealed with their common seal, bind said Society, and be valid in law.

GIVEN under our hands and the seal of said State, at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this fifteenth day of March, *Anno Domini*, 1780, and in the fourth year of the independency of the United States of America.

By command of the major part of the Council,

JOHN AVERY, *Dep. Sec'ry.*

T. DANIELSON,
N. CUSHING,
TIMOTHY EDWARDS,
A. FULLER,
SAMUEL NILES,
JOSEPH SIMPSON,
JOHN PITTS,
NOAH GOODMAN,
EDWARD CUTTS,
JEREMIAH POWELL,
W. SEAVER,
ARTEMAS WARD,
THOMAS CUSHING,
SAMUEL ADAMS,
HENRY GARDNER.

[CHAPTER 29.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHSUETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE.

AN ACT

To authorize the Massachusetts Charitable Society to fix the times and places for its meetings.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same as follows: —

So much of the act incorporating the Massachusetts Charitable Society as fixes the times and the place for the meetings of said Society is hereby repealed, and the said Society is hereby authorized to fix by its by-laws the times and places within the Commonwealth at which its meetings shall be held, and for said purpose it may amend its by-laws at its next or any subsequent quarterly meeting.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 4, 1895.
Passed to be enacted. G. V. L. MEYER, Speaker.

In SENATE, February 7, 1895.
Passed to be enacted. WILLIAM M. BUTLER, President.
February 8, 1895.
Approved. F. T. GREENHALGE.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Office of the Secretary,
A true copy. Boston, February 11, 1895.
Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.
WM. M. OLIN,
[SEAL.] Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By-Laws.

ADOPTED SEPT. 4, 1871, AND AMENDED SEPT. 2, 1872; SEPT. 6, 1880; SEPT. 5, 1887; SEPT. 5, 1892; MARCH 4, 1895; SEPT. 27, 1897.

INTRODUCTION.

To delight in acts of benevolence, to distribute liberally to the poor and needy, and to soften the cares of the afflicted, we hold to be the duty of Christians and the pride and glory of civilized man. Impressed with the idea that "we are not born for ourselves," but are as social beings, designed by the wise Parent of the universe to promote the happiness and welfare of each other by cultivating the practical virtues of brotherly love and charity, we, the members of the Massachusetts Charitable Society, do ordain and establish the following Rules and Regulations, which we mutually recommend to each other, and reciprocally engage to observe and keep, under the blessing of divine Providence, whose approbation we implore.

Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE I.

Election of Members. Any citizen of Massachusetts shall be eligible as a member of this Society. Every candidate for membership shall be

Membership and Election.

proposed in writing by a member who shall vouch for his good moral character. Such written proposal shall be read at a regular meeting of the Society; and at the next regular meeting, in the notice of which the names of all candidates shall be inserted, the candidate shall be balloted for. If he shall receive the votes of three-fourths of the members present, he shall, upon signing the By-Laws, and paying, within three months, to the Secretary, the sum of twenty-five dollars, become entitled to all the rights of membership.

ARTICLE II.

Meetings, Time and Place of.

Times of Meetings. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at six o'clock P.M. on the last Monday in September, and quarterly meetings shall be held at the same hour on the first Monday of March, June and December in each year.

All said meetings shall be held in the City of Boston or at such place within twenty miles thereof as the President and Secretary shall select.

When the meeting is to be held in the City of Boston, the Secretary shall appoint the place of meeting unless otherwise ordered.

Special meetings may be held as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE III.

Order of Business.

Conduct of Meetings. At the hour fixed for the meeting, the Society shall be called to order by the President, and the roll shall be called by the Secre-

tary, who shall also read the record of the next preceding meeting. One-third of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but not less than ten members shall constitute a quorum in any case. Immediately after the calling of the roll, the By-Laws shall be read as follows: the Introduction and Articles 1, 2 and 3, at the meeting in March; Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7, at the meeting in June; Articles 8, 9 and 10, at the meeting in September; and Articles 11, 12, 13 and 14, at the meeting in December. Any member who wishes to speak, or to offer a motion, shall rise and address the President; and no member shall speak more than once upon the same subject, if objection is made, unless by a vote of the Society. Upon an equal division on any question, the President shall have the casting-vote.

Quorum.

Privilege of Members.

ARTICLE IV.

Fines for Absence. Every member less than sixty years of age, and residing within five miles of Boston City Hall, who shall not be present at the calling of the roll at any regular meeting, shall pay to the Secretary a fine of twenty-five cents for each default, unless excused by the Society by reason of sickness, or for other good cause.

Fines.

ARTICLE V.

Election of Officers. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Trustees of whom the Presi-

Officers, Election of.

dent, Vice-President and Secretary shall constitute three, *ex officio*. All said officers shall be chosen annually by ballot at the meeting in September. The same person shall not be chosen President or Vice-President for more than four terms in succession. In case of failure to complete the election of officers, the meeting may be adjourned to a day not over three weeks.

ARTICLE VI.

President, Duties of.

Duties of the President. The President shall keep the charter and seal of the Society, and the bond and receipt of the Treasurer; he shall preside at all meetings, and shall arrange and lay before the Society all communications and other papers that he may receive relating to its affairs; and he shall order special meetings to be called whenever requested thereto by three or more members, such request being assented to by three of the Trustees.

ARTICLE VII.

Vice-President, Duties of.

Duties of the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall, in case of the absence, resignation, or death of the President, perform all the duties of the President; and, in case of the absence of both President and Vice-President, such duties shall be performed by the senior Trustee present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

Secretary, Duties of.

Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Society

and of the Trustees; he shall notify members of all meetings by sending them through the postoffice, at least two days prior to the day of the meeting, a written or printed notice thereof; he shall collect and pay over without delay to the Treasurer all entrance-fees and fines from members; and shall, at the meeting in September in each year, read to the Society a list of all members who are delinquent in the payment of fines, or who have not attended any meeting during the preceding year. As a compensation he shall receive sixty dollars per annum.

Compensation.

ARTICLE IX.

Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of the funds of the Society; he shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give a receipt specifying the total amount of property of the Society placed in his hands, and also a bond for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him; which bond shall be approved by the President and a majority of the Trustees, who shall report on the same to the Society as its regular meeting. And the Society shall annually vote to approve the bond, or to require a new one to be given; and he shall, annually, at least ten days before the regular meeting in September, prepare, and deliver to the President, an account of his doings for the preceding year, together with a statement of the funds of the Society; which account and statement shall be laid by the President before

Treasurer, Duties of.

the Trustees, to be by them examined, and reported upon at said meeting in September. As a compensation for his services, he shall receive sixty dollars per annum.

Compensation.

ARTICLE X.

Trustees, Duties of.

Duties of the Trustees. The Trustees shall visit and examine into the situation and necessities of all applicants for the charity of the Society; and, when they find that the circumstances of the applicant render it desirable that relief should be granted before the application can be acted upon by the Society, they shall have authority to grant relief in a sum not exceeding a hundred dollars. They shall inquire into any alleged criminality or improper conduct on the part of any member; and if, in their opinion, such member has rendered himself liable to expulsion under the provisions of these By-Laws, they shall report the same to the Society; and they shall annually examine the Treasurer's accounts, and report thereon to the Society at the regular meeting in September; which report shall be read and considered by the meeting previous to proceeding to the choice of officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE XI.

Funds, Investment of.

Investment of Funds, etc. All moneys of the Society shall be invested by the Treasurer, with the approval of the President or Vice-President and of not less than three of the Trustees. Whenever

the cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, it shall be his duty to consult with the Trustees relative to the investment thereof. When a grant is made out of the funds of the Society, either by the Society itself, or by the Trustees, a written or printed order, containing the amount granted and the name of the grantee, shall be made out, and signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary, and delivered to the Treasurer to be kept by him as his voucher for such payment. The annual grants, and other disbursements and expenses of the Society, shall not exceed the annual net income of its funds.

ARTICLE XII.

Relief, Persons Entitled to.

Persons Entitled to Relief. Any member of the Society who may need assistance shall be entitled to relief; as also, after his decease, his widow and his children, in such sums as the Society shall judge right; and the Society may also vote such sum as it may deem proper for the payment of expenses incurred during the last sickness of a member, or of his widow or children.

Upon the decease of a member, or of the widow of a member, the Trustees may, when they deem that such assistance is needed, order the Treasurer to pay for the expenses of interment a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars out of the funds of the Society.

ARTICLE XIII.

Offences, Fines and Penalties.

Expulsion of Members. Any member who shall become a common drunkard, or who shall be guilty of an indictable crime, or who shall become troublesome to the peace and harmony of the Society, shall cease to be a member upon the vote of three-fourths of the members present at any regular meeting. Any member under sixty years of age who shall neglect for the term of one year to attend the meetings of the Society, unless through sickness, or absence from the State; and any member who shall neglect for the space of one year to pay any fines due from him to the Society,—shall be liable to lose his membership by a majority vote.

ARTICLE XIV.

Amendment of By-Laws.

Amendment of By-Laws. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote on any annual meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment was given at the regular meeting next preceding; and the notification of the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted on shall contain notice of the fact that an amendment of the By-Laws is proposed.

Names of the Members.

WITH THE DATE OF THEIR ADMISSION, AND THE YEAR OF THEIR DEATH, SO FAR AS KNOWN.

N. B.—Deceased members are marked *. Those marked † were dismissed at their own request. Those marked § forfeited their membership.

NAMES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
Ephraim Copeland,*	Sept., 1762	1810
Barnabas Webb,*	"	1795
John Tileston.*	"	1826
Adam Dechezarau,† *	"	1806
Andrew Croswell, Jr.† *	"	
John Perkins, Jr.*	"	
Habijah Savage,*	"	
John Adams,§ *	Dec., 1762	
Jeremiah Webb,§ *	"	
David West,§ *	"	
John Lowell,*	"	1793
Alford Butler,† *	"	
Elias Thomas, †*	"	
Samuel Salisbury,§ *	"	
Joshua Pico,*	March, 1763	1807
Thomas Brown,§ *	"	
William T. Kilby,§ *	"	
John Beecham,§ *	"	
Sarson Belcher,*	"	

NAMES.	YEAR OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
John Dyer,§ *	March, 1763	1807
Samuel Harris,† *	"	
Elisha Eaton,§ *	"	
Samuel Webb,*	"	1792
Hugh Kennedy,† *	"	
Benjamin Sumner, Jr.*	"	1798
Stephen Cleverly,*	"	1806
Joseph Edwards, Jr.*	"	
Levi Jennings,*	"	1789
Samuel White,*	"	
Jonathan Stodder,§ *	June, 1763	
Nathaniel Greenwood, Jr.† *	"	
Jonathan Trott,† *	"	
Benjamin Gray,*	Sept., 1763	
John Cookson,§ *	"	
Benjamin Edes,*	"	1803
John Laughton,*	"	
NathanielThwing, Jr.† *	Dec., 1763	
Christopher Clark,† *	"	
Thomas Bray,*	"	
David Mason,*	"	
Josiah Flagg,§ *	"	
William Homes, Jr.† *	"	
William Bell,*	March, 1764	1804
John Edwards,*	"	
Asa Stodder,*	"	1785
John Hammet,§ *	June, 1764	
Samuel Greenwood,† *	"	
Joseph Tyler,† *	"	
James Jackson,† *	Sept., 1764	
Thomas Grant,§ *	"	
Robert Edwards,*	"	
John Simpkins,*	"	1831
Nathaniel Hichborn,*	Dec., 1764	

NAMES.	YEAR OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
Benjamin Loring,§ *	Dec., 1764	
Moses B. Bass,† *	March, 1765	
Joshua Loring,*	March, 1765	
Gibbons Bouve,§ *	June, 1765	
Samuel Barrett,*	Sept., 1765	1798
John Symmes,*	Dec., 1765	1792
William Hickling,§ *	"	1790
Samuel Norton,† *	"	1831
Jonathan Snelling,§*	"	
Lemuel Cox,† *	March, 1766	
John Folts,*	Dec., 1766	1793
John Greaton,§ *	"	
Elias Stone,§ *	"	
John Piemont,§ *	March, 1768	
William Breck,§ *	Sept., 1768	
James Sumner,*	"	
Stephen Bruce,*	March, 1769	1806
John Arnold,§ *	Sept., 1770	
Robert Ruggles,§ *	"	
Thomas Knox,*	Dec., 1770	
Daniel Turner,*	"	
Josiah Vose,§ *	March, 1771	
Richard Cranch,† *	March, 1772	
Winthrop Gray,*	"	
Thomas Newell,§ *	Sept., 1772	
John Kneeland,*	"	
Zephion Thayer,† *	Sept., 1773	
William Cordwell,*	Dec., 1777	1795
Benjamin White,§ *	March, 1778	
William Burbeck,*	Sept., 1778	1785
John Coolidge,§ *	Dec., 1778	
Benjamin Coolidge,§ *	"	
John Boit,§ *	"	
William Hoskins,*	March, 1779	1786

NAMES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
Daniel Adams,§ *	March, 1779	
Thomas Russell,§ *	"	
Hawkes Fearing,§ *	June, 1779	
Samuel Barrett, Jr.† *	"	
Nathaniel Noyes,† *	June, 1779	
John Hinckley,*	Sept., 1779	1787
Andrew Oliver,*	"	
John Hancock,§ *	Dec., 1779	1793
Jedidiah Parker,† *	"	
James Carter,*	"	1797
Ebenezer Hancock,§ *	"	
Thomas Hichborn,*	"	1801
John Proctor,§ *	"	
Joseph Hall,*	"	1792
Alexander Welson,§ *	"	
Samuel Ruggles,*	March, 1780	1797
Joseph Bush,§ *	"	1793
Luke Baker,† *	"	
Daniel Bell,§ *	"	
Caleb Swan,† *	"	
Thomas Chapman,§ *	Sept., 1780	
Alexander Hodgdon,*	"	1797
John Lucas,§ *	March, 1781	
John Kneeland, Jr.*	Dec., 1781	1831
Thomas Dawes,*	"	1809
Elias Parkman,§ *	"	
William Dowes, Jr.§ *	March, 1782	
Josiah Waters, Jr.§ *	June, 1782	
John Warren,† *	"	
William Selby,† *	"	
Gilbert Dench,§ *	"	
Joseph Ford,*	Dec., 1782	1797
Joshua Witherle,† *	March, 1783	
Thomas Dawes, Jr.*		1825

NAMES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
Joseph Spear,*	June, 1784	
Jonathan Lowle,§ *	Dec., 1785	
John Sweetser,*	March, 1790	1800
Joseph Shed,*	June, 1790	1812
Samuel Adams,*	Dec., 1791	1803
Benjamin Austin,*	"	
William Whittemore,† *	Sept., 1792	
Daniel Austin,† *	"	
James Leach,*	"	
Nathaniel Hall,*	March, 1793	
Jonathan L. Austin,*	"	1826
John Soren,*	June, 1793	
Joseph Eaton,*	"	
William White,† *	Dec., 1793	
William Williams,§ *	March, 1794	
John Deming,*	June, 1794	1797
James Prentiss,*	Dec., 1794	1797
Oliver P. Holyoke,§ *	Sept., 1795	
James Bowdoin,*	March, 1796	1811
Samuel Hall,*	March, 1797	1807
John M. Lane,*	Dec., 1797	1807
George Homer,*	"	1837
William Donnison,† *	March, 1798	
Thomas Agry,§ *	"	
Thomas Howe,*	"	1847
James Ridgway,*	"	1850
Thomas W. Sumner,§ *	"	
Samuel Harris,*	June, 1798	
Josias Sumner,§ *	"	
Benjamin Sumner,§ *	"	
John Homer,*	March, 1800	1824
Thomas S. Bordman,† *	March, 1801	
Amasa Stetson,† *	"	
Jonathan Stodder,*	"	1827

NAMES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
Joseph W. Homer,*	June, 1801	
Samuel Hewes,*	June, 1802	1860
Ebenezer Clough,*	Sept., 1802	1848
Samuel Ruggles,*	"	1843
Darius Boardman,*	Dec., 1802	1837
Thomas Harris,§ *	June, 1803	
Aaron Richardson,† *	Dec., 1803	
Watson Freeman,*	March, 1804	1813
Gideon Baty,§ *	March, 1804	1813
Abijah Adams,*	"	
Ebenezer Rhodes,*	"	
James Prince,§ *	"	
William Tyler,*	"	1805
William C. Hunneman,*	"	1856
John Kuhn,*	June, 1804	1820
Amos Binney,*	March, 1805	1833
Abiel Winship,*	June, 1806	
John Tuckerman,*	"	1826
Samuel Adams Shed,†	June, 1807	
Ebenezer Larkin,*	June, 1808	1813
Thompson J. Skinner, Jr.*	"	
Russell Sturgis,*	Sept., 1808	1826
Francis Sales,*	Dec., 1808	
Turner Crooker,† *	"	
William Spooner,§ *	"	
John S. Lillie,*	"	1842
Joseph N. Howe,*	"	
Thomas Melvill,*	March, 1809	1832
Jacob Kuhn,*	"	1835
George Hallett,*	"	1845
William Kempton,*	"	
William Shed,*	June, 1809	1827
George Bates,§ *	"	
Frink Roberts,*	"	1828

NAMES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
Robert Hewes, Jr.† *	Sept., 1809	
Benjamin Homans,§ *	"	
William Fenno,§ *	Dec., 1809	
Abraham H. Quincy,	June, 1811	
John P. Clark,*	March, 1812	1814
Ebenezer French,§ *	"	
Samuel Billings,† *	June, 1813	
Joseph Loring, Jr.*	Dec., 1813	
William Keith,§ *	March, 1814	
William Ingalls,*	March, 1817	1851
John Fillebrown,*	June, 1818	
Samuel A. Wells,*	June, 1820	
Moses Bass,*	Sept., 1821	
Charles Ewer,*	Dec., 1822	1853
John D'Wolf,*	Sept., 1823	
John N. Welsh,*	"	
Uriel Crocker,*	Dec., 1824	1887
Samuel H. Hunneman,*	June, 1825	1869
William C. Hunneman, Jr.*	March, 1828	1846
John Capen,*	June, 1831	1876
Sidney Homer,*	Sept., 1832	1869
Thomas Melvill,§ *	March, 1833	1845
Samuel B. Pierce,*	"	1895
Thomas J. Lillie,*	"	
Samuel T. Armstrong,*	"	1850
Osmyn Brewster,*	"	1889
Melvin Lord,*	"	1876
William B. Fowle,† *	Sept., 1833	
Elias Haskell,*	June, 1836	1859
Nathaniel Faxon,*	"	1861
Joseph H. Thayer,*	Sept., 1837	1867
Daniel Henchman,*	June, 1840	
Billings Briggs,*	March, 1843	1869
George Darracott,*	June, 1844	1865

NAMES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
James Whiting,*	Dec., 1844	1877
Joseph H. Hunneman,*	June, 1847	1887
John Kuhn,*	June, 1849	1878
Joseph N. Howe,*	June, 1850	1866
Benjamin Beal,*	March, 1851	1874
William Ingalls, Jr.*	June, 1851	1903
John Collamore, Jr.*	March, 1857	1884
E. Osgood Libby,†	Sept., 1858	
Alfred A. Wellington,*	"	1875
Thomas Restieaux,*	"	1887
B. Frank Beal,§	"	
Peter Thatcher Homer,*	"	1887
Samuel Hewes Hunneman, Jr.*	Sept., 1858	1903
Francis Edwin Faxon,*	"	1891
Samuel K. Whiting,*	"	
Uriel Haskell Crocker,*	"	1902
Benjamin H. Greene,*	"	
William Farrar Goodwin,*	March, 1859	
John Champney Hunneman,*	Sept., 1860	1907
James Homer Pierce,	Dec., 1863	
George H. Kuhn,*	June, 1867	1870
John L. D'Wolf,*	Dec., 1867	1885
Frederick A. Wellington,	Sept., 1872	
George G. Crocker,	June, 1876	
Henry Whittemore,*	"	1905
Melvin Lord,†	Sept., 1876	
William Homer*	"	
Frederick B. Pierce	June, 1879	
Wm. P. Kuhn,*	Sept., 1879	1896
Hewes Hunneman,	June, 1881	
Wm. H. Canterbury,	June, 1885	
Thos. Restieaux, Jr.*	March, 1886	1895
John A. Hunneman,	Dec., 1887	
George U. Crocker,		„

NAMES.	DATE OF ADMISSION.	YEAR OF DEATH.
Gorham Rogers, ✠	March, 1888	
Wm. C. Hunneman,	June, 1888	
Edwin A. Stone,	Sept., 1888	
John P. May,	"	
Edw. W. Kinsley,*	March, 1889	1891
Sanford L. Treadwell,	Sept., 1889	
Walter S. Frost,*	Sept., 1890	1897
Edw. W. Nash,*	"	1904
John Codman,2d.*	June, 1891	1897
Wm. H. Lawrence,†	March, 1892	
Albert B. Hammond,	June, 1892	
Francis A. Osborn,	"	
Carlton Hunneman,	Sept., 1892	
John Simpkins,*	June, 1894	1898
Arthur Lord,	Sept., 1898	
Andrew D. Pierce,	Dec., 1898	
Gorham Rogers, Jr.,	March, 1900	
Arthur P. Stone,	June, 1901	
Edward C. Sherburne,*	Dec., 1901	1906
George G. Crocker, Jr.,	Sept., 1902	
William V. Kellen,	"	
Alfred E. Wellington,	March, 1903	
Edgar Crocker,	June, 1904	
George W. Canterbury,	Sept., 1904	
William H. Hammond,*	Sept., 1904	1905
John P. Reynolds, Jr.,	March, 1907	
Edward Hamlin,	June, 1907	
Herbert E. Stone,	Sept., 1907	
Ernest L. Gay,	Sept., 1907	

Present Members.

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	Date of Admission	
James Homer Pierce,	Dec.,	1863
Frederick Augustus Wellington,	Sept.,	1872
George Glover Crocker,	June,	1876
Frederick Beech Pierce,	June,	1879
Hewes Hunneman,	June,	1881
William Headley Canterbury,	June,	1885
John Augustus Hunneman,	Dec.,	1887
George Uriel Crocker,	Dec.,	1887
Gorham Rogers,	March,	1888
William Cooper Hunneman,	June,	1888
Edwin Albert Stone,	Sept.,	1888
John Pierpont May,	Sept.,	1888
Sanford Ludington Treadwell,	Sept.,	1889
Albert Ballard Hammond,	June,	1892
Francis Augustus Osborn,	June,	1892
Carleton Hunneman,	Sept.,	1892
Arthur Lord,	Sept.,	1898
Andrew Davis Pierce,	Dec.,	1898
Gorham Rogers, Jr.,	June,	1900
Arthur Pembroke Stone,	June,	1901
George Glover Crocker, Jr.,	Sept.,	1902
William Vail Kellen,	Sept.,	1902
Alfred Easton Wellington,	March,	1903
Edgar Crocker,	June,	1904
George Wood Canterbury,	Sept.,	1904
John Phillips Reynolds, Jr.,	March,	1907
Edward Hamlin,	June,	1907
Herbert Edwin Stone,	Sept.,	1907
Ernest Lewis Gay,	Sept.,	1907

Moderators.

1762 to 1780.

Ephraim Copeland.
Jona. Snelling.
Thomas Brown.
Benj. Edes.
Samuel Barrett.
John Tileston.
John Adams.
Wm. Bell.
Stephen Cleverly.
John Lowell.
Benj. Gray.
John Simpkins.

Note.— From the foundation of the Society in 1762 until its incorporation in 1780 it was customary to choose a "Moderator" at each meeting, and the above members served in that capacity at various times.

Presidents.

John Hancock, 1780-82.
Thomas Dawes, 1782-1807.
Jona. Loring Austin, 1807-10.
John Simpkins, 1810-23.
Thomas Melville, 1823-33.
Geo. Homer, 1833-37.
Wm. C. Hunneman, 1837-50.
Joseph W. Homer, 1850-54.
Uriel Crocker, 1854-58.
Samuel H. Hunneman, 1858-62.
Sidney Homer, 1862-66.
Samuel B. Pierce, 1866-70.
Oswyn Brewster, 1870-74.
Melvin Lord, 1874-76.
Daniel Henchman, 1876-78.
Jos. H. Hunneman, 1878-82.
Wm. Ingalls, 1882-86.
Peter T. Homer, 1886-88.
Samuel H. Hunneman, 1888-91.
Uriel H. Crocker, 1891-5.
John C. Hunneman, 1895-9.
J. Homer Pierce, 1899-1903.
Frederick B. Pierce, 1903-07.
Wm. H. Canterbury, 1907.

Massachusetts Charitable Society

A STATEMENT IN RELATION TO ITS FUNDS, PREPARED BY GEORGE G. CROCKER, 1906.

The By-Laws, adopted when the Society was founded in 1762, provided that a Treasurer should be chosen to receive the money collected at meetings, at the admission of members, or any money given for the use of the Society, and that said Treasurer should procure two bondsmen. The By-Laws also provided that so often as the money in his hands should amount to 13 pounds, 6 shillings and 8 pence he should place the same at interest "to some substantial person of good repute."

Seven Managers were chosen to transact affairs between the quarterly meetings. Upon their order a payment of not exceeding eight dollars could be made by the Treasurer to any member of the Society in needy circumstances, and at the next quarterly meeting the Society could give him what a majority of the Society agreed to.

According to the By-laws, each member was required to pay an entrance fee of 14 shillings "for the use of the Society," and during his continuance with the Society to "pay quarterly one shilling and sixpence." It was also provided as follows: "And should it appear that any member shall willfully neglect to bring or send his quarterly money, he shall forfeit and pay one shilling and sixpence for the use of the Society, besides his quarterly money." No person was to be entitled to receive relief until he had belonged to the Society for one year.

The Society was incorporated in 1779, and received its Charter in 1780,

In 1871 new By-laws were adopted, with subsequent amendments in the years 1872, 1880, 1887, 1892 and 1895.

Under the present By-laws, which were adopted in 1871, the Treasurer has been vested with broader powers, and receives as compensation for his services the sum of sixty dollars per year. Previously he had apparently served without pay.

The following is a list of the Treasurers of the Society since its beginning:—

Barnabas Webb,	1762-1781
John Simpkins, Jr.,	1781-1789
Jonathan Kneeland,	1789-1804
James Prince,	1804-1811
Eben'r Larkin,	1811-1814
George Hallet,	1814-1822
Samuel Hewes,	1822-1842
James Ridgway,	1842-1850
Joseph H. Thayer,	1850-1856
Samuel B. Pierce,	1856-1859
Uriel Crocker,	1859-1881
George G. Crocker,	1881-

The meeting of Sept. 3, 1770, was held at Masons Arms. Collected at said meeting £5-10-2.

The meeting of Sept. 4, 1780, was held at the Green Dragon. Collected £191-2. This is the date of the incorporation of the Society.

The first account book in the possession of the Society at the present time is a Book of Receipts which was begun when the Society was founded, on the 6th of September, 1762. This book contains a statement of the total amount collected from the members each quarter. These payments were called "quarterages."

These receipts, up to March 2, 1802, were expressed in pounds, shillings and pence, with the exception of one receipt on 11 Sept., 1778, of a continental certificate, No. 3670, for $400. From the 8 June, 1802, to Dec., 1805, the receipts were expressed both in pounds and dollars. After Dec., 1805, the general use of dollars and cents began.

The following selected receipts give a general idea of their character:—

"Boston, 5th September, 1769. Received of James Jackson, Clerk to the Mass. Society, Three pounds Nineteen shil'gs & six pence Lawfull money being what was Collected at the Meeting of sd society.

£3..18..6. Barnabas Webb.

Recd. of James Jackson Twelve shill'gs being Cash Omitted in the Above receipt, it being Money recd. of Mr. Ephraim Copeland and John Tileston for their refusing to Serve as Clerk.

£0..12..0. 4..11..6 the 2 Rects.

Barnabas Webb.

Boston, June 5th, 1781. Received of Alex'r Hodgdon, Secy. pro Tem. to the Massachusetts Charitable Society Two pounds & five pence 1-2 in Gold & Silver being for Quarterage he recd. last Evening. Barnabas Webb, Tr.

£2..0..5 1-2

Boston, March 7th, 1782. Received of Alex'r Hodgdon Thirteen pounds Eighteen Shillings & four pence for Quarterage & admission Money &c., Received by him on the Evening of the 4 Inst. and arrearages of Clubbs retained in his hands by Vote Society Dec'r. 3, 1781.

£13..18..4. John Simpkins.

Boston, June 8th, 1802.

Received of Nath'l. Noyes Secy. to the Mass. Char'ble Society Thirty Dollars being in full of a Legacy bequeathed said Society by Alexr. Hodgdon, Esq., a deceased member thereof, agreeable to his last Will & Testament, which said Noyes received of Stephen Badlam, Esq., in behalf of Mrs. Nancy Hodgdon, Widow of said deceased.

$30. Jno. Kneeland, Treasr.
M. C. Society.

Boston, March 8th, 1803.

Received of Nath'l. Noyes, Sec'y. to the Mass. Chart'ble Society Four pounds & 3d. he recd. on the 7th instant for quarterages, fines & arrears

4-0-3

$13.38

Jno. Kneeland, Treasr.

Boston, June 28, 1823.

Received of Geo. Homer, Secy. Mass. Ch. Society, Ten Dollars 50 Cents, being the amt. recd. by him of Chs. Ewer for entrance as a member of sd. Society.

$10.50 Sam'l. Hewes.

Boston, March 2, 1857.

Recd. of Dan'l. Henchman, Sec'y of the Mass. Char. Soc'y, Six dollars & fifty Cents, Amt. Collected on the Evening of the 2d Inst.

$6.50 Sam'l. B. Pierce, Treasr.

Boston, March 2, 1857.

Received of Dan'l. Henchman, Sec'y. of the Mass. Char. Society Twenty dollars entrance fee from John Collamore, Jr.

$20. Sam'l. B. Pierce, Treasr.

The last entry in this book was made upon Sept. 1, 1862, just one hundred years after the first entry, and is as follows:—

Recd. of B. H. Greene, Secretary of the Mass. Charitable Society, Five Dolls & 50-100 collected as assessments this evening.

$5.50 Uriel Crocker,
Treas.

Since that date there has been no separate book of receipts. From 1815 to 1861 the donations were kept in a separate book. Books of account which are referred to as Books A and B and which apparently ran up to 1814 are not now in the possession of the Society.

The first regular account book now in possession of the Society was begun in 1814 by George Hallett, the then Treasurer, and the simple method then adopted by him has since been followed.

The first statement of the funds of the Society is contained in a slip pasted in the Book of Receipts, and is as follows:—

"Boston, November 17, 1781. Received of Alexander Hodgdon Sec'y he received of Mr. Barnabas Webb late Treasurer to the Massachusetts Charitable Society (being for the Ballance of his Account as settled November 14th 1781, by Messrs. Jno. Kneeland, Daniel Bell & Benjamin Coolidge a Commee. appointed for that purpose,————

The following Public Securities ....Viz't.

One Continental Loan Certificate No. 1455 for Three hund'd Dollars in fav'r Barnabas Webb, dated the 17 April 1777, payable 17th April 1780 . . . . . 300 Doll'r.

One . . . . . do . . . . . do . . . . . No. 2782 for Five hundred Dollars in fav'r Barnabas Webb dated, the 5 September 1777 payable 5 Septemb'r 1780 . . . 500 Doll'r.

One . . . . . do. . . . . do . . . . . No. 3670 for Four hundred Dollars in fav'r Henry Gardner Esq'r dated 15 September 1777 payable 15 Septemb'r 1780 . . 400 Doll'r.

1200 Doll'r.

The whole amount Twelve hund'd Dollars drawing Interest on France, with Three Years Interest Endorsed on each Certificate which has been received & Accounted for by Mr. B. Webb.

Also. One Soldiers depreciation Note. No. 1557 for Three hund'd. & Sixty pounds in fav'r Nath'l. Sweetland (& Endorsed by him) Dated Jan'y 1, 1780 payable March 1, 1788.

One . . ditto . . . . ditto . . . . . No. 2846 for Three hund'd. & Fifty pounds in fav'r James Kennedy (& Endorsed by Mary Kennedy) Dated Jan'y 1, 1780 payable March 1, 1788.

Also. Fifty Dollars of the New Emission (Interest paid). all which sums were received of Mr. Webb for the Value of Three hundred & Seventy Three pounds six shillings & 8 d. Specie. . ———

JOHN SIMPKINS, *Treasur'r.*

N. B. See Mr. Webbs Account settled in Managers Book's Nov'r 14, 1781."

The second statement was in the account of George Hallet, 1814, and is as follows:

Sta't of Soc'ys Funds, Aug't. 24th, 1814.

	Nominal.	Supd. Value	
Old Six pr Ct. Stock of U. States	4,217.98	1,130.	91
New Do „ „ Do. „ Do.	5,000.00	4,000.	80
Three „ „ Do. „ Do.	1,295.88	665.	51
Defered Do. „ Do.	1,313.12	725.	91
Fifteen Shares in State Bank	1,500.00	1,575.	105
Six Do. „ Nor'h. Am'n. Ins. Co.	600.00	480.	80
Four Do. „ Union Do.	400.00	320.	80
		$8,895.00	

The funds at five year intervals were as follows:

1820	$ 12,100.00	
1825	15,512.84	
1830	16,932.82	
1835	17,950.51	
1840	16,511.79	
1845	18.156.31	(Including 4 shs. B & P "RaleRode.")
1850	21,636.74	
1855	28,307.53	
1860	34,001.15	
1865	43,646.05	
1870	56,589.12	
1875	70,412.65	
1880	80,142.17	
1885	89,664.02	
1890	104,417.24	
1895	117,689.44	
1900	125,952.13	
1905	133,831.66	

VALUES — SEPTEMBER, 1859.

	Book Value	Market Value
41 shs. Boston & Worcester R.R. Co.	$4,100.00	$4,059.00
40 „ Tremont Bank,	4,000.00	4,600.00
52 „ State Bank,	3,120.00	3,588.00
11 „ Webster Bank,	1,100.00	1,166.00
Mass. Life Insurance Company,	6,500.00	6,500.00
City of Boston, script,	1,000.00	1,000.00
U. S. Treasury Note,	1,000.00	1,000.00
B. Beal's note,	6,000.00	6,000.00
E. Page's note,	6,000.00	6,000.00
Interest on same,	477.00	477.00
Insurance on same,	22.50	22.50
	$33,319.50	$34,412.50
Less balance due S. B. Pierce,	160.67	160.67
	$33,158.83	$34,251.83

VALUES — SEPTEMBER, 1881.

	Book Value	Market Value
64 shs. Tremont National Bank,	$ 6,400.	$8,264.
35 „ State „ „	3,500.	4,378.
11 „ Webster „ „	1,100.	1,254.
54 „ Boston & Albany R.R.	5,400.	6,934.
1 „ Hospital Life Ins. Co.,	6,500.	6,500.
$1,000. City of Boston, Currency, 6 % 1903,	1,000.	1,200.
3,000. „ „ „ „ „ 1893,	3,000,	3,600.
1,000, „ „ „ „ „ 1894,	1,000.	1,200.
4,000. „ „ „ Gold 5s, 1882,	4,000.	4,520.
3,000. „ „ „ „ „ 1883,	3,000.	3,390.
5,000. „ „ „ „ „ 1884,	5,000.	5,650.
4,000. „ „ „ „ „ 1886,	4,000.	4,520.
1,000. „ „ „ Gold 5s Water Loan, 1905,	1,000.	1,130.
3,000. City of Boston, Gold 5s Water Loan, 1905,	3,000.	3,390.
1,000 City of Boston, „ „ „ Loan, 1906,	2,000.	2,260.
6,000. State of Mass. 5% 1883,	6.000.	6,760.
1,000. „ „ „ „ 1895,	1,000.	1,160.
4,000. „ „ „ „ 1894,	4.000.	4,640.
Bond & mort. M. H. Abbott, est. Cor. Kneeland & Federal Sts.	20,000.	20,000.
Cash,	750.	750.
	$81,650.	$91,500.

VALUES — SEPTEMBER, 1906.

	Book Value	Market Value
Hospital Life Insurance Co.,	$ 6,500.00	$ 6,500.00
Tremont National Bank, $1,600. less amount received on acct. principal, $480.	1,120.00	00.00
125 shs. Boston & Albany R.R. Co.,	14,900.52	30,750.00
30 „ Old Colony R.R. Co.,	5,531.25	6,030.00
100 „ Northern R.R. Co., N. H.	15,841.87	15,500.00
70 „ Conn. & Pass. R.R. Co., Pref.	11,602.25	11,200.00
$17,000. Northern Pacific, Gt. Northern, C. B. & Q., Col. 4s. $16,000. Reg. $1,000. Coupon	8,811.25	16,830.00

		Book Value	Market Value
10,000	Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.,	9,762,50	9,100.00
6,000	Boston & Providence R.R. 1918, 4s.	6,000.00	6,600.00
10,000.	Atch. Top. & St. Fe R.R. Gen. Mtge., 4s. Reg.,	8,400.88	10,200.00
10,000.	Old Colony R.R. 4s. 1938,	10,000.00	10,300.00
2,000.	City of Boston, 4s. 1910,	2,000.00	2,120.00
1,000.	„ „ „ 4s. 1913,	1,000.00	1,100.00
7,000.	State of Mass. 3½s. 1923,	7,000.00	8,050.00
22,000.	Lake Shore R.R., Col. 3½s. Reg.,	19,827.50	19,030.00
6,.000	Oregon Short Line, Ref. 4s.	5,745.00	5,685.00
	Cash on hand,	2,775.88	2,775,88
		$136,004.96	$161,300.88

The investment in Bank Stocks shows the following losses and gains in principal.

BANK STOCKS.

64	Tremont, Loss	$1,120.00
11	Webster,	5.25
		$1,125.25
35	State, Net Gain,	297.50
	Net loss on Bank Stocks,	$ 827.75

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE G. CROCKER,
Treasurer.

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